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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on page seven and concluding on page eight with the following amended paragraph:

The upper housing portion 14 is pivotable about an axis B between a closed position shown in Figures 1 and 2 and an open position as shown in Figures 4 to 6. The upper housing portion of 14 is retained in the closed position by means of catches 22, located towards either side of the head 10. The catches 22 comprise a conventional form of over-centre mechanism, as shown in Figure 3. They operate as follows: lower link 22a is released by pulling upwards as indicated by arrow X, the upper link 22b of the catch 22 then pivots up and forwards as indicated by arrow Y to release. The reverse is undertaken to resecure the catches 22. Thus it can be seen that the catches 22 can be released, and resecured, without the use of any tool.

Please replace the second paragraph on page eight with the following amended paragraph:

The brush bar 26 is selectively drivable by means of a drive mechanism which will now be described. The lower housing portion 12 provides support for an electric motor 30 and associated control unit 32, and motor cover 34 (shown in ~~removed in~~ Figures 4 to 6). The motor 30 provides the drive for the brush bar 26 via a drive belt 36 which passes around the brush bar 26 at the location of ~~drive belt~~ wheel 38. The path of the drive belt 36 is enclosed within a cover comprising a first cover part 40 provided by the lower housing portion 12, and a second cover part 42 provided by the upper housing portion 14. The cover provided by the first and second cover parts 40, 42 means that the drive belt 36 is completely enclosed in use and thus protected from dirt and damage.

Please replace the third paragraph on page ten with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now in particular to Figure 7, an alternative embodiment of the head, and in particular the drive mechanism for the brush bar is illustrated, with parts common to the previously described embodiment being like referenced, and will now be discussed. The drive mechanism includes a ~~motor~~ pinion 35 and a brush bar drive pinion [[38]] 38a, but the drive belt 36 has been replaced by gears 60, 62 and 64. This embodiment still enables the brush bar 26 to